

The People: God Meets You Where You Are

"God Is Closer Than You Think" Part 5 of 7
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Seeing God In The People Around You: A Checklist (Colossians 4:7-18)

1) When you see someone's _CHARACTER REFLECT GOD'S_.

"Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts." (Colossians 4:7-8, NIV)
(see Ephesians 6:21)

2) When you see someone _SEE PPL'S TRUE STATUS IN LIFE_.

"He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here." (Colossians 4:9, NIV)
(see Philemon 8-10, 12-21)

3) When you see someone _SUPPORTING A STRUGGLER_.

"My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings..." (Colossians 4:10a, NIV)
(see Acts 19:29, 27:1-2)

4) When you see someone _WHO FAILED BEING RESTORED_.

"...as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.)" (Colossians 4:10b, NIV)
(see Acts 15:36-40, 2 Timothy 4:11)

5) When you see someone _COMFORTING THE HURTING_.

"Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me." (Colossians 4:11, NIV)

6) When you see someone _PRAY BOLD PRAYERS FOR PPL_.

"Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis." (Colossians 4:12-13, NIV)

7) When you see someone _WILLINGLY SACRIFICE FOR CHRIST_.

"Our dear friend Luke, the doctor... send greetings." (Colossians 4:14, NIV)

8) When you see someone _WHOSE FIRST LOVE IS JESUS_.

"... and Demas send greetings." (Colossians 4:14b, NIV)
(see 2 Timothy 4:10)

9) When you see someone _FAITHFULLY SERVING THE CHURCH_.

"Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea." (Colossians 4:15-16, NIV)

10) When you see someone _FAITHFULLY FINISH WHAT THEY BEGIN_.

"Tell Archippus: 'See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord.' I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you." (Colossians 4:17-18, NIV)
(see Philippians 1:6)